

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

February 25, 2014

On Thursday, November 29, 2012, shortly after 4:00 pm, Long Beach police officers responded to a shooting in the area of Plymouth Street and Cedar Avenue. When officers arrived, they discovered the body of 23-year-old Jose Luis Cruz on the ground next to his vehicle. Cruz was suffering from several gunshot wounds to his upper torso. Paramedics took Cruz to a local hospital where he later died.

Investigators learned Cruz had been working at a local pawnshop and was driving with a co-worker to a nearby post office. Cruz and his co-worker were driving down the street when the unknown suspect exited from a car and fired numerous times in the victims' direction. The co-worker reported there was no argument or altercation before hearing the shooting. Although several witnesses reported hearing the shots nobody has come forward to provide a description of the suspect(s).

Investigators have canvassed the neighborhood looking for witnesses to the incident and feel they are at a point where it would be beneficial to offer a reward, which may prompt reluctant witnesses to come forward and provide information to identify the individuals responsible for this crime. They can remain anonymous.

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors extend the offer of a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the perpetrator(s) of this heinous crime.

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